

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cities, Counties, Housing Authorities, Non-Profit and For-Profit Housing Developers

FROM: Cheryl G. Gillum, Deputy Director

DATE: June 15, 2009

RE: Notice of Funding Availability

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

The Wyoming Community Development Authority is announcing the availability of funds under the **2009 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**.

Under the CDBG Housing Set-aside there will be approximately \$500,000 available for which Counties and Incorporated Cities and Towns may apply. The Cities of Cheyenne and Casper are **not** eligible applicants for these funds since they receive CDBG funds directly from HUD as entitlement communities. Eligible activities for the CDBG Housing Set-aside include acquisition, rehabilitation, publicly owned improvements (infrastructure), clearance of sites, homeownership assistance, and new construction of public facilities. All activities under this set-aside must result in a direct housing benefit to low (50% of AMI) and/or moderate (80% of AMI) income persons. **Priority will be given to projects that are to ready to proceed and simply lack funding. Projects that can take immediate action following award and any environmental review requirements are encouraged to apply.** Due to the short timeframe of the CDBG round, a training session will not be offered. Please refer to the WCDA website for a past PowerPoint training presentation. Any community that anticipates submitting an application is encouraged contact Jennifer Crawford at 307-265-0603 with questions.

All CDBG projects are subject to 24 CFR Part 58.22. A recipient may not commit HUD assistance funds under a program listed in Sec. 58.1(b) on an activity or project until HUD or the State has approved the recipient's RROF and the related certification of the responsible entity. In addition, until the RROF and related certification has been approved, the recipient may not commit non-HUD funds on an activity or project under a program listed in Sec. 58.1(b) if the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives. If an activity is exempt under Sec. 58.34, or not subject to Sec. 58.5 under Sec. 58.35(b), no RROF is required and a recipient may undertake the activity immediately after the award of the assistance.

The Application for the CDBG program must be received in the WCDA office at 155 N. Beech, Casper, Wyoming, on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2009. Late applications will not be ranked.

The Program Description and Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Housing Activities may be downloaded from the WCDA Web page at www.wyomingcda.com or hard copies may be obtained by contacting the WCDA office at 307-265-0603 and asking for Jennifer Crawford.